

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[17]] 22 wherein ruffle means is provided at a discharge end of said distribution channel to urge product to scatter as it is discharged from said channel.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[19]] 22 wherein said duct connector attaches to said container over said discharge opening by a twist locking mechanism.

21. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[19]] 22 wherein said duct connector has an opening surrounded by an upstanding wall, and said duct member is configured so that an inner end rides against a top of said upstanding wall to enable an entry end of said distribution channel of said duct member to be brought into communication with said opening, and thus said discharge opening of said container, when said duct member is in said working position.

22. (Currently Amended) [[Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 19]] Granule distributing apparatus which comprises a container having a discharge opening for a product to be distributed, wherein a duct connector is attached over said discharge opening, said duct connector carrying a duct member connected to said discharge opening, said duct member providing a distribution channel for said product, said duct member being foldable between a working position in which it projects away from said container and allows passage of product through said discharge opening and along said distribution channel, and a storage position in which said duct member obturates said discharge opening and extends over a top of said container, said apparatus further comprising a locking member which is manipulatable to locate said duct member in said working position and prevent relative releasing movement between said duct connector and container.

23. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said locking member also serves to close an entry end of said distribution channel when said duct member is in said storage position.

24. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said locking member is carried by said duct connector.

25. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 24 wherein said locking member is manipulatable angularly relative to said duct connector to locate said duct member in said working position.

26. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 25 wherein said locking member is pivotally attached to said duct connector for said angular manipulation by snap fit engagement of a pair of co-axial studs with stirrup mountings.

27. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 25 wherein said locking member and container have co-operable locking parts which are brought into engagement by said angular manipulation of said locking member to prevent relative rotation between said container and the duct connector when the duct member is in said working position.

28. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[19]] 22 wherein said duct member is pivotally attached to said duct connector [[whereby]] so that said duct member is foldable between said working position and said storage position.

29. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[17]] 22 wherein when in said storage position said duct member extends over and substantially parallel to a top of said container.

30. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said locking member and said duct member together with said duct connector serve to form a composite cap covering a top of said container when said duct member is in said storage position.

31. (Previously presented) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 30 wherein said locking and duct members and said duct connector are designed to shed water from said container when they form said composite cap.

32. (Currently Amended) Granule distributing apparatus according to claim [[17]] 22 wherein said distribution channel is tubular.